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Dear Interested Citizens

We are beginning the public scoping process for a new vegetation management project on the Bly Ranger District. The Black Hills Project is located northwest of Bly and to the north of the town of Beatty in the area of Spodue Mountain in the Black Hills. The project planning area is within the Sycan River, Snake River and a small portion of Marsh Reservoir Subwatersheds of the Lower Sycan Watershed. This project would incorporate a comprehensive suite of vegetation management actions and other activities aimed at restoring fire-adapted ecosystems.

I have attached the initial Proposed Action Statement and Map for your review and comment. Your comments are important to us as we begin to develop this project. Please submit comments by July 13, 2009 so that we can incorporate them into the planning process. Comments may be submitted by email at comments-pacificnorthwest-fremont-bly@fs.fed.us or by postal mail to the address above.

Your initial scoping comments will be used to identify issues and concerns, and, eventually, to design alternatives to the proposed action. The effects of these alternatives will be analyzed and reported in a subsequent environmental assessment (EA). It is anticipated that a preliminary EA will be distributed for public comment to those expressing interest in this proposal sometime in late 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project please contact Jody Perozzi, Acting SE Zone Planning Staff at (541) 353-2723 or jperozzi@fs.fed.us.

We look forward to your participation in the planning process for the Black Hills Project.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Allan D. Hahn*
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Attachments: Black Hills Project Proposed Action Statement and Scoping Map

